
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

NCCU Wesley is so blessed to have students who have been dedicated to furthering the mission of this campus ministry at their institution and daily lives. Saying goodbye to another school year and another group of graduates is never easy, but we know we haven't seen or heard the last of each and every Wesley Fellow who wrapped up their undergraduate careers this month. Congratulations Seniors! May the Lord continue to bless you in your future endeavors.



Name: Joshua McLaurin

Major: Computer Science and Business with a Concentration in Information Communication Technology

Where Are You Headed Next? I plan to continue my journey here with NCCU Wesley. I will be attending NCCU in the School of Library and Information Science Department to obtain my Master of Information Science (M.I.S.), Strategic Information Management Concentration

How Did Being A Wesley Fellow Impact You? My four years being a member of NCCU Wesley have been a blessing to me. I could write a book about how much I gained and learned from the foundation. Most importantly I gained a covenant family that looks to welcome others. I learned how to be a faithful leader that strives to be the best every day. "I am because we are" has been my philosophy that NCCU Wesley has helped me to keep sacred.

Final Advice To Future Fellows? Even though I have graduated, I cannot imagine me ever leaving the ministry God has blessed me to be with. I will never forget Pastor Gloria Winston-Harris invited me to join the NCCU Wesley board. It touched my heart because I knew it was a beginning of a new life for me. I could not ask for a better leader than Pastor Gloria Winston-Harris. I thank the past and present NCCU Wesley Fellows that loved me like a sibling and kept me encouraged. I thank the Wesley Board members that have worked tirelessly to invest in myself and others.



Name: Tia Evans

Major: Public Health Education

Where Are You Headed Next? For now, I am taking a break this summer. I am continuing to learn and grow in my spiritual practices. It helps to have been a part of NCCU Wesley to get this spiritual foundation that I can take, use, and help others in my future endeavors. I am also excited to announce that I am actively pursuing a passion of mine this summer. I hope to join the Army National Guard sometime in the near future.

How Did Being A Wesley Fellow Impact You? My time with Wesley has very important to developing who I am today. Everything that I learned from Pastor Gloria and my covenant team has been really important to use in my regular life, and even in my major. As a Public Health Major, I was able to help create events for NCCU Wesley that merged my major and my spiritual life. My favorite memory of this was during Weekend Warrior, when I helped create and facilitate the “I Love Myself” event that focused on self-care in college. This connection between my education and my time with NCCU Wesley has made the person that you see today!

Final Advice To Future Fellows? Remember that God loves you! Times may get hard, either in school or in your personal life. No matter what you are going through, God will always bring you out on the other side. My journey was not easy. I would be lying if I said this journey was easy. I remember how I used to be, the feeling of not going on and feeling empty in my heart - but with God’s redemption of my spirit and mind, I had a solid foundation upon which to redeem my physical self. God makes a way and will continue to do it again and again.



Name: Bridget Pittman-Blackwell

Major: Psychology

Where Are You Headed Next? I will continue to be local in Durham this summer and in the fall. I will be starting my Master of Arts program in General Psychology. I intend to still be available for the 2020-2021 academic school year in the Office of Spiritual Development and Dialogue to help the new NCCU Wesley Fellows.

How Did Being A Wesley Fellow Impact You? Being an NCCU Wesley Fellow helped me step outside of my comfort zone. Pastor Gloria certainly had a hand a hand in this process; however, I would not have found NCCU Wesley without her. I appreciate all the new experiences and exposure to the United Methodist Church. Participating this school year as an NCCU Wesley Fellow has grown my leadership and I will be forever grateful for this process.

Final Advice To Future Fellows? Keep striving! Being a part of NCCU Wesley is an intentional step towards spiritual growth. Being a fellow this year was one of the best things I never knew I needed. It will be to your benefit to uphold this legacy and standard. Remember to try and find God for yourself. Not your family's definition, not your friend's definition – find God for yourself. I would have stayed comfortable in my old self if I did not grow and experience hardships this past year. My Wesley family helped me do that. My love for God is deeper because of what I have been through and my experiences.



Name: Brian Byrd

Major: Mass Communications, Media Studies Concentration

Where Are You Headed Next? I will continue my education at NCCU pursuing my MBA (Master's in Business Administration). I currently have a media company that I planned to expand globally. I hope to have other businesses running as an entrepreneur.

How Did Being A Wesley Fellow Impact You? The Wesley Fellows and The Office of Spiritual Development and Dialogue has giving me a connection with spiritual mentors that have become like family to me. I am extremely grateful for every one of them because they have made my time at Central truly enjoyable.

Final Advice To Future Fellows? My advice for future fellows is to trust God and remain faithful. Be receptive to love and the lessons that you will get from this group. Trust the process and watch God bless you and those around you.



Name: John Minga

Major: General Biology

Where Are You Headed Next? I plan to remain active and continue my relationship with The Office of Spiritual Development and Dialogue program at NCCU. Also, this upcoming Fall 2020 I plan to attend the University of North Carolina At Greensboro for a Pre-Medical/Pre-Dentistry Post Baccalaureate Program and following that I will move onto dental school to pursue my Career to become a dentist.

How Did Being A Wesley Fellow Impact You? These past 4 years here at North Carolina Central University has been a journey. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of the Spiritual Development and Dialogue Program while serving as a faith leader. I have gained so much knowledge, confidence, and strength as a faith leader. This opportunity has given me a chance to learn so much about myself and others around me. Recapping from the first day I became active with the Spiritual Development and Dialogue family to where I am now, I have seen my faith and leadership has grown tremendously. This opportunity has really showed to me how much of an influence I can have on the lives of others. Most importantly, I can honestly say that I have gained a “covenant family for life,” who I can count on throughout every step of my journey. I would not be the person I am today without the help of Pastor Gloria Winston-Harris. She has had a strong influence on my life because she has and continues to push me outside of my comfort zone into the person God has called me to be. Thank you so much Pastor Gloria Winston-Harris for being a part of this wonderful journey. I look forward to building on this great relationship that we already have. Moving forward I will continue to walk in my purpose and focus on who I am, what I am, and where I am going.

Final Advice To Future Fellows? Upon graduating from North Carolina Central University, I can now reflect on everything that I have been through to make it to where I am now. To my fellow eagles I want you to keep in mind that there is a time and season for everything. A time where you will face adversity and a time where you will soar high amongst many others to receive blessings you would have never even imagined. The road will get bumpy along the way, but I encourage you all to stay motivated, focused, and dedicated throughout this journey. I encourage you to stay connected with the Office of Spiritual Development and Dialogue at NCCU to help grow your personality, character, and leadership as you are transforming into the person god has called you to be.